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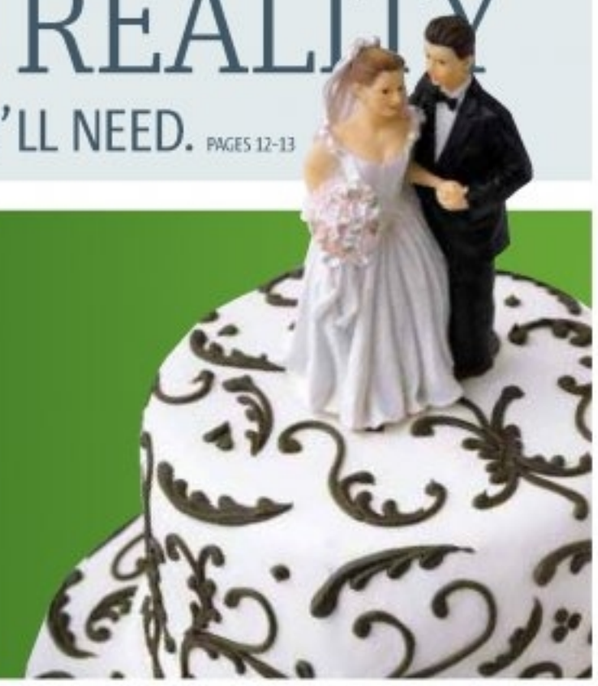

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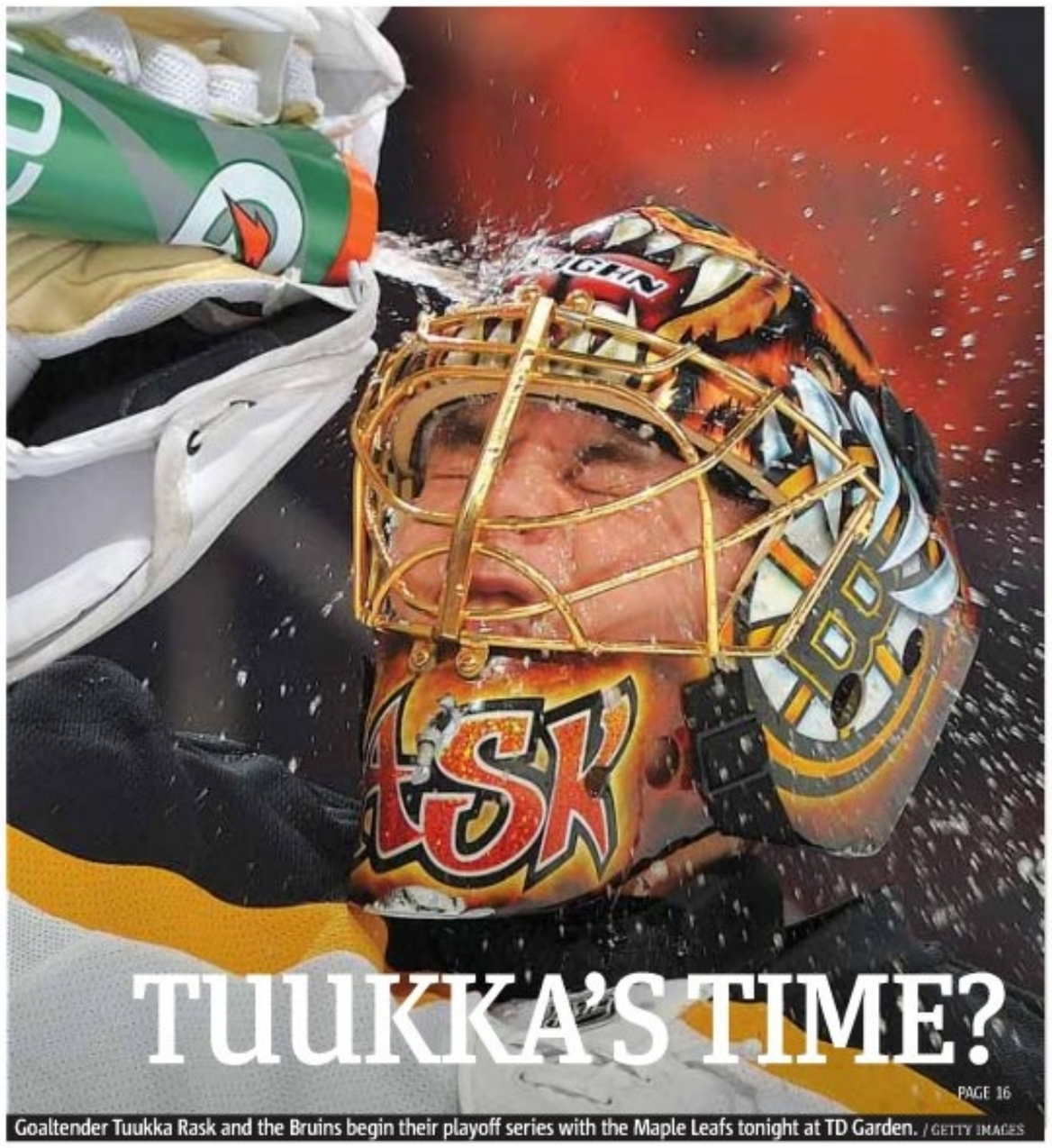

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Goaltender Tuukka Rask and the Bruins begin their playoff series with the Maple Leafs tonight at TD Garden. / GETTY IMAGES

Illegal renting, overcrowding at Allston home

Citations. The homeowner of the apartments where a fire killed a BU student was issued three violations yesterday. **Changes coming.** The city's Inspectional Services Department will start a rental inspection program in January. **Goals.** The program aims to inspect 140,000 units in five years. PAGE 02

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Allston home owner cited after fatal fire

Illegal housing. City officials said the home where a BU student was killed was overcrowded and had an illegal basement apartment.

The Allston home where a Boston University student died in a fire Sunday was overcrowded and had an illegal basement apartment, the city said.

Anna Belokurova, the owner of the home at 87 Linden St., was issued three violations by the city's Inspectional Services Department yesterday. Belokurova was cited for failure to secure a permit to change the occupancy from a two-family to 19 lodgers, failure to secure a long-form permit to extend the living space to the basement and having an unsafe structure.

Bryan Glascock, the ISD commissioner, said the agency in January will start a new rental unit inspection program that will aim to inspect 140,000 units in the next five years. He said he expects inspectors will find more illegal apartments and overcrowding during that process.

"It's a function of the market that's out there. Rental housing is very, very expensive and people will cut corners when they can to make a buck or save a buck," he said. "We're hoping that [the new program] helps reduce these kinds of tragedies."

A message left for Belokurova was not returned by press time.

Firefighters found Binland Lee, a 22-year-old BU senior from Brooklyn, N.Y., dead in the attic. The three-alarm blaze broke out at the home at about 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Fifteen people were hurt, including six firefighters and two BU students. The cause is still under investigation.

The Boston Fire Department said 19 people were living in the home. BU officials said at least nine of the people living in the home were students.

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Despite low turnout, Markey beats Lynch in state primary

Massachusetts voters yesterday chose Congressman Ed Markey as their Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate seat formerly held by Secretary of State John Kerry. Markey, a liberal representing the 5th Congressional District, was favored to win the party's nomination over fellow candidate Congressman Stephen Lynch, a conservative. Markey is in his 19th term in Congress. He will now face off against Republican opponent Gabriel Gomez in a June 25 special election. Low voter turnout was attributed to the similarity of the two Democratic candidates.

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1 NEWS

In the news

$100,000

The accused Boston Marathon bombers' family may have raked in more than $100,000 in taxpayer benefits up until 2012 that included food stamps, Section 8 housing and cash, according to a report yesterday by the Boston Herald.

The House Committee on Post Audit and Oversight on Monday promised to investigate how the Tsarnaev family was able to receive funds for about a decade.

Local tweet

"Most thrilling and terrifying roller coaster I've ever been on: an inbound green train pulling into Boylston #mbta"

@Kris_Grace89 gets a rush on the Green Line.

Election snafu. 'Two packets' of wrong ballots issued in South Boston

As voting got underway yesterday, ballots that did not include the state Senate race for the First Suffolk District were discovered in two wards in South Boston, according to campaign staff and the Secretary of State's Office.

A spokesman said "two packets" of ballots without the state Senate race were delivered in South Boston in wards 6 and 7. The spokesman said anyone who received the wrong ballot could have asked for a new one. **SHNS**

Mattapan arson

Teen allegedly sets fire to rink

A 14-year-old girl was arrested Saturday because she was so angered over being denied entry to the popular Mattapan roller-skating rink Chez Vous that she allegedly set the door to the building on fire, the Suffolk district attorney's office said. **METRO**

Rebirth. HubSpot and ONEin3 drawing business back to Boylston Street

In an effort to bolster Boylston Street business yesterday, organizations ONEin3 Boston and HubSpot put on "Back to Back Bay," coaxing a crowd of 20- and 30-somethings to restaurants, bars and shops that took a hit following the Boston Marathon bombings.

"We thought this would be a positive, fun way to get the people out and supporting Boylston Street," said ONEin3 Council Member Lily Lynch. **MORGAN ROUSSEAU**

A man with injuries to his leg as a result of the marathon bombing is taken from the scene of the blasts. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Group to give amputees in need a leg up

Boston Strong. A prosthetics coalition has pledged to provide artificial limbs for bombing amputees.

Officials from the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association have vowed to help victims of the Boston Marathon bombings who have undergone amputations but cannot pay for prosthetics.

The group yesterday announced the Coalition to Walk and Run Again, which has gotten commitments from practitioners to ensure the bombing amputees will not have to pay for their first artificial limb.

"We are pledging to provide their first prosthesis," said Charles Dankmeyer, president of AOPA. "We feel totally confident we'll be able to do that."

Coalition members said yesterday they expect about a dozen of the amputees will need help paying for their first artificial limb due to severe limits in health-insurance coverage. As many as 25 bombing victims had to have amputations, all of their lower limbs, officials said.

"We're not only fitting the anatomy, we're fitting the psyche of patient and their family," said Greig Martino, a certified prosthetist who is working with the bombing victims.

The care and cost of an initial prosthetic device could cost anywhere between $8,000 and $60,000, according to Martino.

MORGAN ROUSSEAU

Boston bombings

Chesney starts 'Spread the Love'

Country music star Kenny Chesney said yesterday that all funds from his "Spread the Love Fund" will pay for prosthetics, physical therapy and other care required for victims of the Boston Marathon attack. METRO

Habitual offender

Roxbury man accused in 7 thefts

A Roxbury man with a 17-page record and eight aliases was arraigned Monday on charges that he committed seven thefts from various locations, including local libraries, in Boston and Cambridge.

Kevin Drayton, 49, pleaded not guilty to several charges including larceny from a person and receiving stolen property over $250, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office. METRO

Terror investigation

Obama defends federal role in bombing probe

President Barack Obama yesterday defended federal investigators' handling of the Boston Marathon bombing, saying at a press conference that federal law enforcement officials seem to have done their jobs correctly.

"Based on what I've seen so far, the FBI performed its duties, Department of Homeland Security did what it was supposed to be doing, but this is hard stuff," Obama said, adding that his counterterrorism team has been tasked with finding out how to better detect threats from people who have become self-radicalized.

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Military. President Obama signals deliberate approach in Syria

President Barack Obama cautioned against a rush to judgment on whether Syria used chemical weapons against its own people yesterday in a sign he is going to take a deliberate approach to a problem that could lead to U.S. military action.

At a White House news conference, Obama said there is evidence chemical weapons were used inside Syria but "we don't know how they were used, when they were used, who used them" and "we don't have a chain of custody that establishes what exactly happened."

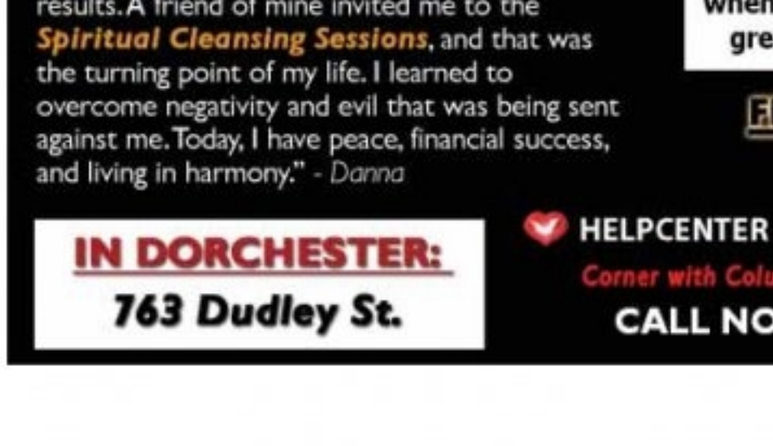
Obama said the Defense Department already has prepared options that might be available, which he declined to describe, in response to what would clearly be an "escalation"

Slow to react

Obama is leery about launching military action against Syria without firm evidence, given that his predecessor, George W. Bush, began the Iraq War over claims of weapons of mass destruction that turned out to be untrue.

and a "threat to the security of the international community, our allies and the Untied States."

He said it will take time to conclusively render a judgment on whether a U.S. "red line" against the use of chemical weapons by Syria was crossed, insisting that "I've got to make sure I've got the facts." REUTERS



The scene depicts a powerful car-bomb explosion near the headquarters of Syria's ruling Baath party in the center of Damascus on Feb. 21. / GETTY IMAGES

Obama vows new push to close Guantanamo

Former President George W. Bush opened Guantanamo to hold foreign terrorism suspects captured overseas after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. / GETTY IMAGES

Prisoners. Hunger strikes have occurred at Guantanamo since shortly after the US began detaining suspected al Qaeda and Taliban captives in January 2002.

President Barack Obama vowed yesterday to make a new push to close the Guantanamo detention center, where about 100 inmates are on hunger strike, saying it was damaging to U.S. interests to keep holding prisoners there in legal limbo.

Human-rights groups have long been critical of the 12-year-old camp for foreign terrorism suspects, and their concern has intensified in recent weeks. Some of those on hunger strike are being force-fed at the camp at the U.S. Naval Base in Cuba.

Obama, who repeatedly vowed to close the camp, which now holds 166 detainees, when he was campaigning for a first term and when he first took office in 2009, said he would re-engage with lawmakers to find a way to shut the facility and make good on an unkept promise.

However, he offered no new path to overcoming congressional, political and legal obstacles that blocked his earlier efforts to close Guantanamo, where many of the prisoners have been held for more than a decade without being tried or charged. REUTERS

Presidential trip

Obama says economics, security to be themes in Mexico visit

President Barack Obama said a trip to Mexico this week will center on economic issues such as trade and energy but security issues will not be far behind.

"A lot of the focus is going to be on economics," Obama said during a news conference. "We've spent so much time on security issues between the United States and Mexico that sometimes I think we forget this is a massive trading partner, responsible for huge amounts of commerce and huge numbers of jobs"

President Obama / GETTY IMAGES

Obama is due to visit Mexico tomorrow, holding meetings and having dinner with President Enrique Pena Nieto. He will also travel to Costa Rica and meet with Central American presidents.

Mexico is the United States' third-largest trading partner and its second-largest source of oil. REUTERS

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1 Did Sofia Vergara hire a surrogate?

In June's Cosmopolitan, Sofia Vergara chats about plans for possibly starting a family with fiance Nick Loeb. Rumors have been swirling that the "Modern Family" actress and Loeb are currently hiring a surrogate. But Vergara says that myth stems from the fact that she froze her eggs. "I had to go to my doctor's office a hundred million times to do injections. The [rumor] probably came from that," the 40-year-old says. "My doctor had told me 'We have a small window.' I said, 'That's so rude!' I already have a kid, so I never thought I would need to do that. But I will have to use a surrogate, because I had thyroid cancer and lots of radiation. I don't want to wait forever, but not yet, because I'm working like an animal."

Vergara knows now is the time to work her butt off. "I've never had a plan for anything. I know I'm not going to get any more shows like 'Modern Family.' If it ends in five years, it would be great to do movies and focus on things like my Kmart line. Maybe have a kid. But I am going to be working my whole life. I love making money. I really love it!"

But even though a baby might be on the horizon, a giant wedding for the two divorcees definitely isn't. "He was already married with a big wedding and I was already married with a big wedding, so we're going to do something, but not right now," she says. "When he proposed, it was my birthday, and I'd flown more than 100 family and friends to Mexico for six days of partying. It took me forever to arrange the logistics! If I had known I was going to get engaged, I don't do this stupid birthday."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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Perry: No loose lips here

Matthew Perry wants to make it clear he was not behind the latest rumor of a "Friends" reunion, despite Jennifer Aniston jokingly naming him the prime suspect. "I was the first one to nix it," Perry insists to E! News.

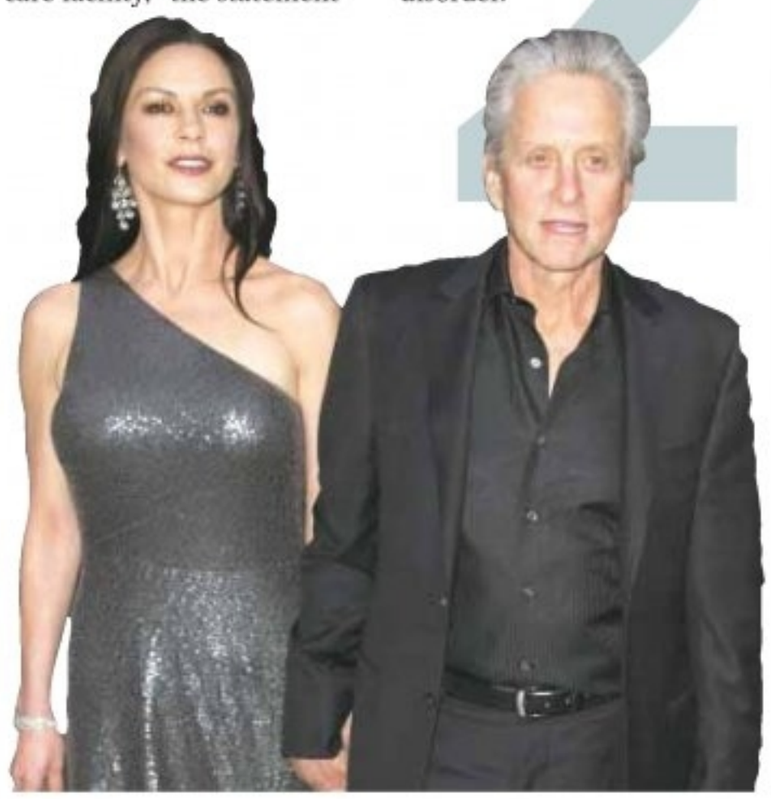
But that doesn't mean he thinks a reunion is a bad idea — it's just not the right time yet. "I think what we do is a show called 'Old Friends,' and it's on a park bench and when we're in our 80s," he offers.

Moore and Willis patch up over downward dog

Following months of apparent estrangement, Demi Moore and daughter Rumer Willis seem to be reconnecting, and all it took was some yoga. The pair was spotted, along with a few friends, attending a yoga class in West Hollywood together this past weekend, according to Us Weekly. "They all did the class together, and after the 90 minutes they walked out as a group," a source says. "Demi and Rumer seemed very close, like they had been in the past." Things have reportedly been tense between Demi and her daughters — including Rumer's sisters, Scout and Tallulah — since her split from Ashton Kutcher in late 2011 and hospitalization and rehab stay.

Zeta-Jones checks back into rehab

Catherine Zeta-Jones has again checked herself into a treatment facility to deal with her bipolar disorder, her rep confirms in a statement. "Catherine has proactively checked into a health care facility," the statement reads. "Previously, Catherine has said that she is committed to periodic care in order to manage her health in an optimum manner." Jones completed a stint at a treatment center in 2011 for the disorder.



'Kinky Boots' tops Tony nominations

When the Tony Award nominations were announced yesterday, there were a lot of echoes of 1980s celebrity. Cyndi Lauper, who wrote the score for the musical, "Kinky Boots" earned the most nominations with 13, while elsewhere Tom Hanks was nominated for Best Actor in a Play, for his Broadway debut in "Lucky Guy," the Nora Ephron play that received six nominations. In non-1980s nominations, the British play "Matilda" received 12 nominations and the Broadway revival of "Pippin" received 10.

"Pippin" received 10 nominations. / METRO PHOTO ARCHIVE

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Patton Oswalt is getting a sneak peek, Rashida Jones is not enjoying British television, Alec Baldwin has opinions and Steve Martin is a man of impeccable taste.

@pattonoswalt: Oh my God the first 2 eps of the new ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT. Too... many...jokes...head...splitting. Need to take a Forget Me Now.

@iamrashidajones: I wish I could un-watch Geordie Shore.

@ABFoundation: Cigarette smoking should be banned in NYC. Why? Bc there are 100,000 butts on the ground on every block

@SteveMartinToGo: I have yet to meet a kind, witty, interesting, attractive, rich person I didn't like.

Mike Tyson's truths

Train talk. Iron Mike spills about his new play, pigeons, "Rocky," Zach Galifianakis, "Fifty Shades of Grey" and more.

Tyson fears no questions. / JERRY METELLUS

There are things that everyone knows about Mike Tyson. The weird stuff. The frightening stuff. The flat-out insane stuff. The stuff of legends. Holyfield's ear. Years of domestic strife. Bouts of volatility and violence (an occupational hazard, perhaps).The face tattoo.

But there's also other stuff. Like an inexplicable fondness for pigeons, arguably the most common bird in the aviary hierarchy. You'd have guessed maybe peacocks. Or bald freaking eagles. He also loves theater. All kinds of theater. He digs "Porgy and Bess" and cites the little-known "Cuba and His Teddy Bear" — the Reinaldo Povod-written play starring Robert De Niro that enjoyed a 53-show Broadway run in '86 — as one of his favorites. The dude is a little bit enigmatic. He's also a known hothead. Though not these days, as recent behavior and self-testimony indicates that Tyson is a changed man, maybe even a bit of a Zen man.

Still, when you're tasked with calling up Mike Tyson on the phone to interview the champion heavyweight boxer-turned-actor about his one-man play "Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth" (directed by similarly legendary Spike Lee) — for which he's currently wrapping up a 19-date tour with a penultimate stop at the Wang Theatre — you're a little nervous.

This writer was tasked with just that. The following are excerpts from a conversation held over a very bad connection on an iPhone, from an Amtrak cafe car. Here are excerpts, because the other thing Iron Mike is known for is that signature lisp. (A seventh listen to the recorded transcript of this interview revealed that Mike Tyson did not, in fact, reveal that he once watched Ben and Jerry perform "A Bronx Tale.")

Mike Tyson on deciding to do a one-man play:
Me and my wife was watching [not Ben and Jerry] do a "Bronx Tale" onstage, and it was just so amazing, you can't even imagine. Inspiration is an understatement. We was hanging on every word they said, and I said, "Baby, I think I can do this." Because, I mean, when I'm in Europe and in Asia, I'm onstage talking about myself. People ask me questions from the crowd. But when I do it in America, I feel like it's coming from an artistic point of view. And so we did it for two weeks at the MGM Grand and sold out every night. ... Mostly foreigners. Every night, foreigners! And then Spike Lee called me when I was in Poland and asked me to take it to Broadway.

Quoted

"I don't know. ... I'm so accustomed to answering any question anybody asks me. I'm not afraid to answer any questions."

On pre-stage ritual.
I make sure I'm in the best physical and spiritual shape I can possibly be in. I just think of myself as being, like, one of the great stage performers. Like, you know, Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr., Judy Garland, and all those guys. Frank Sinatra. I'm talking about really explosive entertainers.

On a bomb threat that got called into his New York show.
Yes, there was a bomb threat. But they caught the guy. And they're going to do that to me? Can you imagine me dying on a Broadway stage? Holy moley!

On his favorite story to tell onstage.
When I had my street altercation with Mitch Green. I had a street fight with Mitch Green — a boxer — and I'm explaining to the crowd what happened. ... It's not meant to be, but it gets a lot of laughs.

On whether he had to read "Fifty Shades of Grey" to research for a scene in "Scary Movie 5."
My wife reads that stuff, I don't read that stuff. They just told me what to do. I don't listen to my wife about no "Fifty Shades of Grey." Yeah, I don't want to read that stuff.

On stage versus screen acting.
I love stage acting, I don't love nothing more than stage acting — that's instant gratification right there. You have people breathing, you have instant gratification.

On his favorite sports movies of all time.
"Gentlemen Jim" and "Raging Bull."

On "Rocky."
Big-time "Rocky" fan. The one with Mr. T in it was the best.

On Zach Galifianakis.
He's a really good guy. I think he's a good guy. He's a very normal person. He's more normal than I am!

On pets.
I just love animals, you know. They need people to take care of them. It's a cold world out there. They live longer under the care of human beings than they do in the wild. Nature is harder on them.

On his favorite pet pigeon.
No favorites, I have a lot of pigeons I like.

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Local artists compete for $25K at the ICA

A broken air conditioner and dead critters are hardly draws of artistic inspiration for many people, but four local artists have managed to create an exhibition that draws from just that — and much more.

The Institute of Contemporary Art opens a new showcase today for the James and Audrey Foster prize featuring finalists Sarah Bapst, Katarina Burin, Mark Cooper and Luther Price.

"I really wanted the artists to be in some kind of dialogue with each other," says curator Helen Molesworth.

One similarity in this dialogue is precision. Each different piece shares strength in detail. Price's manipulation of slides and Burin's architectural designs are individually unique in theme, but each detail is purposefully created for the piece. Says Molesworth, "Art is about making decisions" — the decisions on display here are physical examples of just why they were chosen as finalists for the prize.

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Mark Copper's fanciful art
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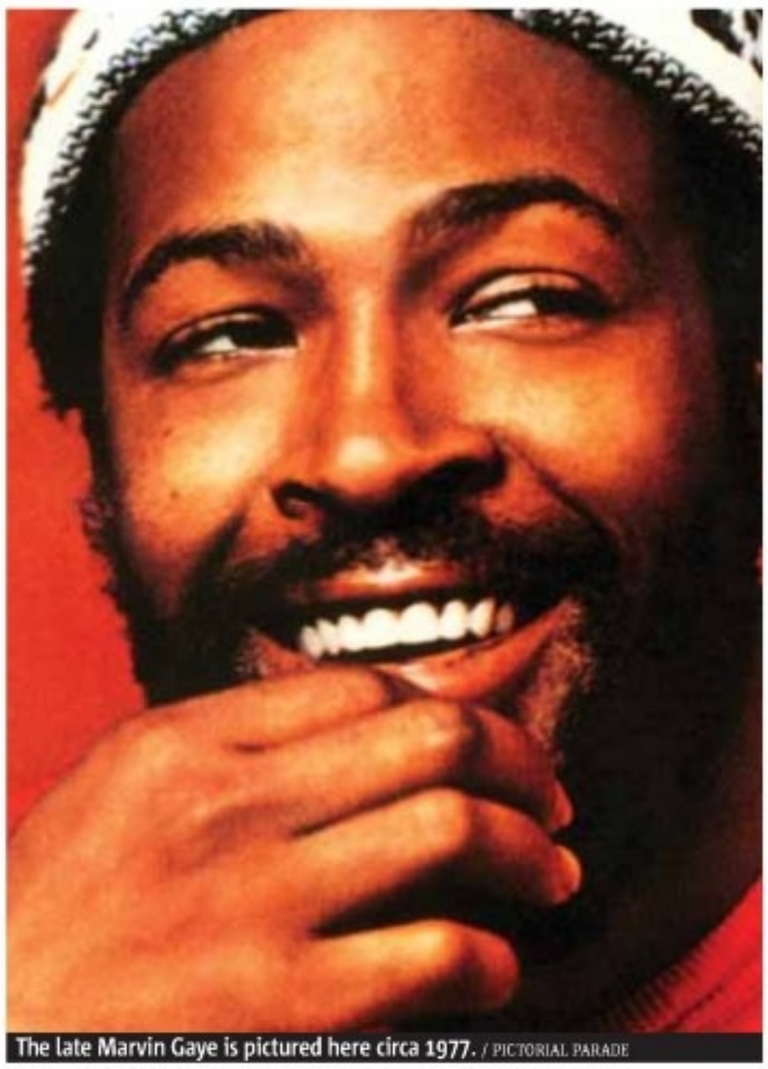
Berklee says 'Let's Get It On'

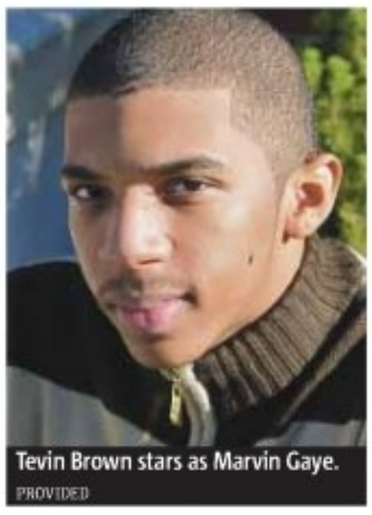
Musical theater. With "Trouble Man," the College of Music is hoping to illuminate the life —as well as the times — of Marvin Gaye.


The late Marvin Gaye is pictured here circa 1977. / PICTORIAL PARADE

When we witness the infectious student-led performances of Marvin Gaye's music during Berklee's original musical "Trouble Man," it will be almost impossible not to relate the songs to the times during which Gaye made his most memorable music. The history is there in the smooth innocence of 1964's "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)," in the sophisticated intellect of 1968's "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," and in the higher social consciousness of 1971's "What's Going On." However, what the production really hopes to illuminate is not necessarily the turbulent society that brought us this great artist, but rather the inward struggle of a man who was always seeking the connection of family.

Written and produced in collaboration with students (as part of their continuing effort to increase the presence of musical theater at Berklee), "Trouble Man" is the next in line of a series of productions guided by professor (and playwright) Amy Merrill, whose works have included productions based around Billie Holiday, Michael Jackson, BB King and Joni Mitchell. Merrill cites Gaye's search for connection in his own personal family, in his relationships with women, with Motown head and father-figure Berry Gordy, with fellow musicians at Motown and even in his relationship with his fellow man as the driving forces in the sensitive artist's life.

"The challenge of this year is to try and figure out how to celebrate the music, to not run away from the violent end," says Merrill, alluding to the tragic 1984 murder of Gaye at the hand of his father, Marvin Gaye Sr., which casts an unfairly dark shadow on a life that should be celebrated. Gaye's music is used to help tell the story of a man who Merrill says "saw himself not an entertainer, but as a prophet."


Tevin Brown stars as Marvin Gaye. PROVIDED

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Solid as a rock

Berklee senior Tevin Brown, 21, will be doing his best to impress a very special guest who will be in attendance for the two performances of "Trouble Man" when he performs the role of Marvin Gaye. Valerie Simpson, who co-wrote many of Gaye's biggest hits, will perform a few of her signature songs at the beginning of Act 2, including "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," a song Brown performs regularly during his weekend wedding gigs. "I just knew that we were going to do that song," says Brown, who explains how this timeless classic became new to him again by learning how to master it in Gaye's signature style. "That way he would slide to his falsetto and switch between registers. He was very ahead of his time."

TV watch list

DRAMA

'Mythbusters'

This season kicks off with an experiment to see whether rocket-launched cars can really fly. And here we've been driving on land time like nincompoops?
9 P.M., DISCOVERY

REALITY

'The Big Brain Theory'

Kal Penn hosts this search for the next great mind in innovation and tech. Is anyone else reeling from his transition from "Harold & Kumar" to education advocacy?
SERIES PREMIERE, 10 P.M., DISCOVERY

COMEDY

'Family Tools'

We suspect that "Home Improvement"'s biggest fan devised this new comedy, about a son taking over his dad's tool business.
PILOT, 8:30 P.M., ABC

REALITY

'Forever Young'

This reality house is split between seniors and 20-somethings. In the last episode of the season, they go to Vegas. We will be disappointed if the trip is not as wild as we hope. **SEASON FINALE, 10 P.M., TV LAND**
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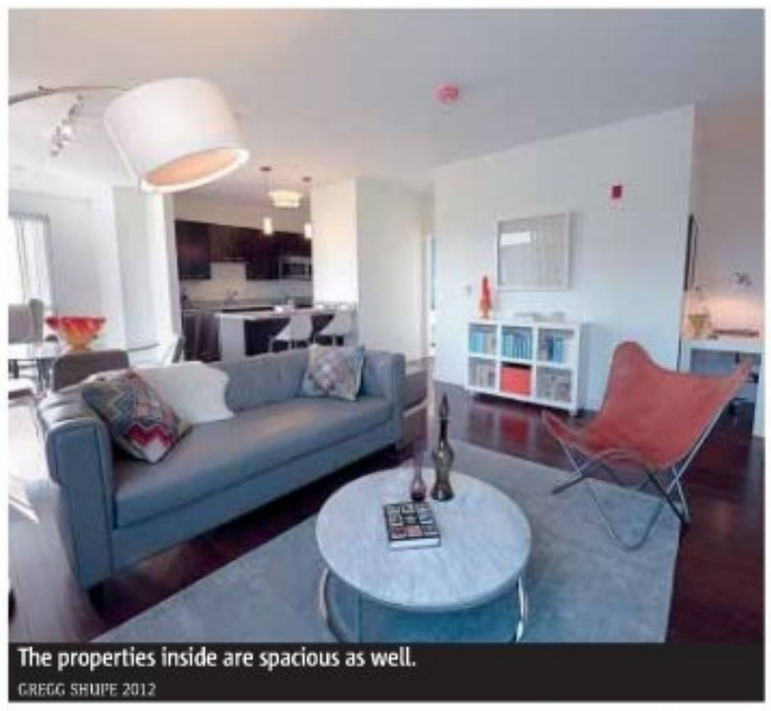
The idea of a public green space is nothing new. Traditionally, English villages grew around a "green" that provided both an important visual and cultural amenity. It was a piece of land that was enjoyed as-is and left as such, tended to by the villagers. Over-development for maximum profit generally results in a loss of sight of the importance of maintaining a natural outdoor communal area. But that's not so with Maxwell's Green, which even boasts a designated dog run.


The properties inside are spacious as well.
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"I have a dog, so it's perfect for me," says Maureen Curley, 27, who was one of the first residents. She moved in last October, when phase one was finished. "It's the next best thing to having my own backyard. I can sit on the green or walk. It has a nice community feel."

For Curley, the amenities were the initial draw. "There's a gym with free classes, a movie theater you can rent out. Financially, it's comparable with other properties and I think the rent is quite reasonable for what we get. With the nice weather, I'm either sitting on my balcony or out on the green," she says.

Located less than a mile from Davis Square, the 184 LEED-certified and certifiable apartments and townhouses range in price from $1,850-$3,975.

"It's open and green," says Holli Banks, who moved in last December. "I work a lot and when I come home, it's like driving to another space. Coming home to that communal atmosphere where people are walking dogs and kids are playing is nice. It's an urban escape. I like to have room to breathe when I come home."

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A two-hour seminar about special mortgages and other resources available to help you fix-up your home.
May 14: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Curley Community Center
1663 Columbia Road - So. Boston

May 30: 5:45pm-7:45pm
Lower Mills Branch Library
27 Richmond Street - Dorchester

How To Live Within Your Means
This two-hour seminar will help you evaluate your current financial status, and to learn how to adjust your finances to accomodate your personal situation.
May 21: 6:00pm-8:00pm
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Homebuying 104: How to Buy a Foreclosed Property
A two-hour seminar including information about the purchase process, legal issues, mortgage and property selection, and home repair resources.
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Rising home prices boost economic recovery

Real Estate. Housing prices ease the economic drag.

Single-family home prices rose 9.3 percent year-on-year. / THINKSTOCK

Home prices rose in February at their fastest rate in almost seven years, a fresh sign the housing market recovery will help counter the drag on the economy from government belt tightening.

The S&P/Case Shiller index of 20 metropolitan areas released yesterday showed that single-family home prices rose 9.3 percent in February from a year earlier.

The data reinforces the view that rising home prices could make Americans feel better about spending this year, helping counter a hit to economic growth from tax hikes and government spending cuts.

"This will be a powerful positive fundamental not only for housing but presumably helpful for consumer spending as well," said Stephen Stanley, an economist at Pierpont Securities in Stamford, Conn.

Another report showed U.S. consumer confidence rebounded in April as Americans felt better about the outlook for the economy and their income prospects.

The Conference Board, a private industry group, said its index of consumer attitudes rose to 68.1 from a revised 61.9 the previous month. Economists polled by Reuters had expected a reading of 60.8.

Following a spectacular collapse in 2007, the housing sector appears to have turned a corner. **REUTERS**

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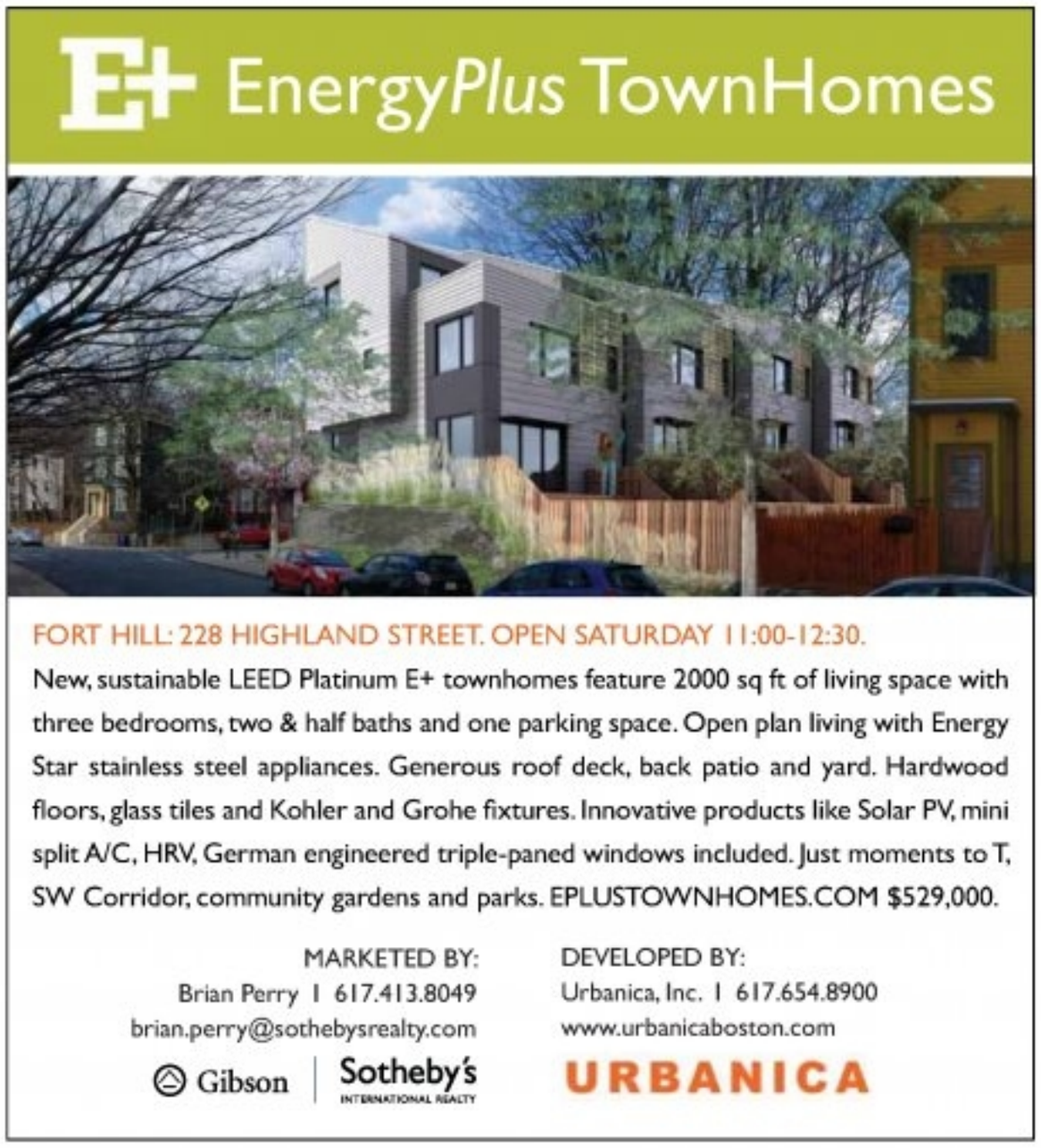
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How to Make Out a Will

By Attorney George Warshaw

We all know we need a will, but what needs to go in it?

There are three steps to making a will.

The first step is to decide who will manage your estate and final affairs should you die. The executor (now called the "personal representative" in Massachusetts) is the person or persons you choose to manage your estate. It is a good idea to have more than one choice available should your first choice not be available.

Example: "I appoint Joe as the personal representative of my estate. If he declines, fails or ceases to serve I appoint Mary . . . ."

The second step is to decide who you would like to give any particular items of your personal property, such as jewelry, family photos, artworks.

Example: "I leave all photographs of my family to my nephew Fred, and all my jewelry to my dear friend Sally."

The third step is to decide where everything else should go. This is called the "residue" of your estate.

Example: "I leave the rest and residue of my estate to those of my children who survive me in shares of substantially equal value."

Your lawyer will fill in the rest of the details of the will. More on wills next week. © 2013 George Warshaw.

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George Warshaw is a well-known attorney and author. He represents buyers and sellers of homes and condos in Massachusetts, and prepares wills, trusts, and estate plans. George welcomes new clients and questions. Contact him at metro@warshawlaw.com

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Jillian Michaels wants you to move your butt

Fitness. The "Biggest Loser" star has off days just like the rest of us.

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Jillian Michaels, the bombastic personal trainer on the reality series "The Biggest Loser," is in the midst of a 34-city "Maximize Your Life" speaking tour. She coached this season's winner, Danni Allen, who lost an astonishing 121 pounds (or 47 percent of her body weight). Before her appearance at the Lowell Auditorium tonight, Michaels answered a few questions for us.

What is the primary reason you have gone on the road, and what can people expect?
I have gone out on tour to talk with people — share their space, energy, thoughts and feelings so I have a direct connection with the audience. I absolutely love this medium and have found it's the absolute best for providing life-changing information and inspiration.

Will you be use your signature tough-love approach with your audience?
On "The Biggest Loser," I have to be tough: It's a job that involves a life-or-death intervention on a time frame. In all other aspects of my business, like books, podcasts, DVDs and this tour, it's about providing information and inspiration.

Do you ever feel unmotivated?
Sure, I absolutely have off days, but I follow the very same steps I am going to teach people during my "Maximize Your Life" show to stay on track.

What is your favorite exercise and food?
I love parkour and MMA training. I enjoy all kinds of foods in moderation as long as they are as chemical-free as possible.

Which is more important: diet or exercise?
They are equal. If you do one but not the other, you are in neutral — not gaining, but not losing. To effectively lose weight you must do both.

What is your regular exercise routine?
I work out intensely about four times a week for 30-45 minutes, utilizing body weight-training modalities.

What is your main goal for the tour?
To help people identify the ways in which and reasons why they sell themselves short and hold themselves back. Then I give them the tools and information to attack their inhibitions and unleash their potential so they can blast through obstacles and make their goals and dreams a reality.

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Jillian's tips for staying motivated

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1. Identify your why. If you have a strong vision of the ways in which your life will improve by staying healthy and following your goals and dreams, you can tolerate anything to get there.

2. Set your environment up for success. Remove temptation and surround yourself with positive imagery that incentivizes you to continue pursuing your dreams.

3. Instead of managing stress and sad feelings destructively with food, alcohol or compulsive over spending, **nurture yourself in ways that are life-affirming.** Get a manicure/pedicure. Take a bubble bath. Give yourself an at-home facial. Engage in hobbies you love.

4. Build support. This is so critical. We spend most of our waking hours with others. The stronger your support system, the better set up for success you are.

5. Think it through. When you are about to make a bad choice, stop and think through the consequences of your actions. While ordering a pizza or telling your boss to p— off might sound good in the moment, the lasting ramifications are extremely detrimental and when thoroughly thought through help you make better choices.

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This month's look is a simple updo that looks much more complicated than it is. With weddings, proms & graduations approaching, chances are you won't be able to make it to Dellaria for every event. When you can't swing by the salon, here's a great look you can achieve at home that looks elegant, put-together & stylish.

The tools you will need for this look are:

- A fine tooth comb
- A light hairspray
- Bobby pins

Start by prepping your hair with some strong hold mousse. (**Natalie of our Davis Square location recommends Framesi's BY Sparkling Mousse Strong**). Work through your hair, smoothing out the top and preparing the rest for a flexible hold. Begin the updo by lightly backcombing a "U"-shaped section at the crown of your head, taking the front section back, and pin in place.

Pull a small section from one side of your head and layer it at the back of your head over the first pinned section. Pin in place and spray lightly with hairspray. (**Natalie recommends Framesi's BY Light Mist Hairspray**).

Repeat with a small section of the other side and crisscross it over the previously pinned section. Pin in place and spray lightly with hairspray.

For the final step, gather all of the remaining hair and twist in a clockwise direction to create a tight ballerina bun at the nape of your neck. Pin the loose end at the base of your neck.

Once complete, spray all over with hairspray., and finish by gently smoothing any fly-aways with a shine gloss. (**Natalie recommends Framesi's BY Pearl Shiner**) Ta-da!

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(Featuring tips by Natalie S of our Davis Square Dellaria Salon)

Natalie S. has been a stylist in the Boston area for the past 6 years and recently joined the Dellaria team in their Davis Sq. location. Since coming to Dellaria, Natalie has enjoyed amazing learning opportunities from truly talented stylists.

She loves working in the up-beat, fast-paced energy of Davis Square in Somerville "My favorite part of working in this salon is always having someone new and exciting in my chair!" She is looking forward to many more amazing opportunities that come with working with Dellaria Salons.

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Coming up with basic adjectives, such as soft or romantic, will help you figure out the feel of your wedding, says Ara Farnam. / ALLAN ZEPEDA

Tips to make your big day shine

Tips. We asked seven insiders from all parts of the wedding planning process for their No. 1 piece of advice.

Planning a wedding means juggling tasks and managing things down to the smallest details. To help you pull off the biggest party you'll ever throw, we asked various experts — from a caterer to a makeup artist — for some of their best tips. As for cutting that guest list, you're on your own.

Stationer

"Set the tone with your invitation: It's the first and most tangible thing your guests receive for your wedding. You are working hard to create a beautiful and fun, special day. So it's important that your invitation reflects that same care and attention that you're putting into the flowers, the food and the music. You want your guests to also have all the information they need, not just place and time, but directions, appropriate attire, additional activities and so on, so that the invitation also makes everything easy and informative."
MEL MORRIS, LION IN THE SUN
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Caterer

If you're on a budget, "make sure you find a caterer that is creative and happy to make the numbers work for you. I have been doing a lot of upscale weddings where we do high-end appetizers to start, and then we have a fun barbecue for the main dinner." **KATE ECONOMIDES, TASTY PLATES CATERING, WWW.TASTYPLATES CATERING.COM**

Makeup artist

"First and foremost, find an artist who will give you that timeless look. Trendy makeup styles may not hold up in pictures over time. And when deciding on an artist, remember to think of lighting. If you go to a mall, the lighting will be totally different inside than outside. It is worth the money to invest in an artist who can come to you and check your makeup in all kinds of lighting." **KIM POUTRE, OWNER, SPECIAL EVENT BEAUTY, WWW.SPECIALEVENTBEAUTY.COM**

Tip: Get wordy

"I ask people to give me a few adjectives to describe the feel of their wedding. That helps me get in their head to see what they're thinking overall. Really basic adjectives — soft, romantic, sophisticated, quirky, whimsical, casual. I think that's a good idea for any couple. [It makes them think,] 'What do I want to have?' It helps [them] start to picture what it is that they want."

Ara Farnam,
Rock Paper Scissors event planning, www.rpscissors.com

Personal trainer

"Planning a wedding can be a triple-decker stress sandwich with all the fixings. At least once a week, schedule a workout session as a couple with one major ground rule: no wedding talk. Hit up your favorite class, go for a bike ride in the park, book a joint session with a trainer. Whatever it is, it'll bring you closer while getting you all sorts of sexy. Bring on the honeymoon!" **ADAM ROSANTE, CELEBRITY FITNESS TRAINER AND CREATOR OF THE PEOPLE'S BOOTCAMP, WWW.THEPEOPLES BOOTCAMP.COM**

DJ

Talk about your taste

"Beware of a DJ who knows what they're going to play for you before you even talk to them. Even if the music is popular, it's not a good sign if the DJ doesn't want to communicate with you, and that means they won't bring those moments that make a wedding really special."
JULIE COVELLO, AKA DJ SHAKEY
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Explore your personal style with a dressmaker to find the best gown for you. / GARY GOLEMBIEWSKI

Dressmaker

Don't bring everyone

"Make your first visit to the dressmaker on your own or with one of your very close friends or relatives. Having too many opinions often becomes overwhelming, as peoples' opinions often focus on what they like for themselves. The process is far more effective when we can really focus on what works best for you. It is of utmost importance that [you and the dressmaker] have time to explore your personality and style. Once the process is narrowed down to two dresses, then you can have fun with a larger group for a final thumbs up."
ANGELO LAMBROU, DRESS DESIGNER, WWW.ANGELOLAMBROU.COM

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2013 wedding trends

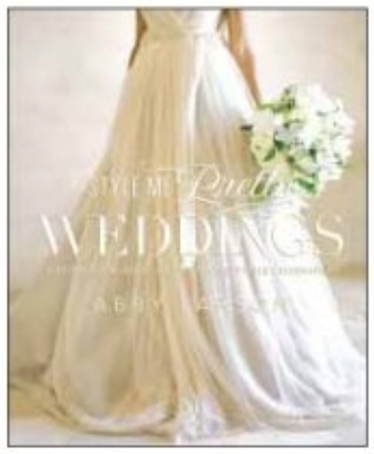
Trend report. For the latest and greatest in the bridal world, we turn to Abby Larson of Style Me Pretty.

Abby Larson, the founder and editor of StyleMePretty.com and author of "Style Me Pretty Weddings," is the authority on all things beautiful in the bridal world. Her site posts about 75 gorgeous, modern, real weddings a week — the kind of artfully crafted affairs that'll inspire you to start a "Barnyard Nuptials" board on Pinterest even though you've been married for years. So, naturally, we turned to Larson to get the scoop on what's popular at the most celebratory of celebrations — besides the open bar, of course.

Ivory takes a backseat to color and print.
ELIZABETH MESSINA

Ombre: Still going strong

"Some of the trends from 2012, such as watercolors and ombre, are really holding strong, which is surprising, but I think it's because they are just so beautiful that brides can't really let go. The great thing about the ombre trend is that weddings aren't so matchy-matchy anymore. There are different hues and different textures and layers and people are kind of approaching wedding design as they would wardrobe design and home decor. It's not all solid pink and navy blue, it's a spectrum of pinks and a spectrum of blues that really come together to feel much more thoughtful. And [incorporating ombre] makes things easier because you're not on the hunt for this perfect thing."



Floral design goes low.
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Romantic and loose floral design

"Really lush, over-the-top tall arrangements, which just screamed expensive, are becoming a lot more approachable. People are doing centerpieces that you might see on a dining room table as opposed to at a fancy hotel. The flowers and arrangements themselves are becoming lower, they're a little bit more organic and loose. Things aren't so tightly packed and monochromatic. They've kind of got this organic French vibe going — a really sophisticated, chic, from-the-garden feel."

TINA CHADHA
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3 budget-friendly wedding ideas

Elevate your rentals

"That means if you have basic brown chairs, you can drape crepe streamers from the back of them in kind of an ombre fashion and get a really striking result. If you have a little more budget, you can use ribbons. It's just a beautiful way to gussy up something that's standard."

Personalize

"If you can only afford to have the stuff the hotel provides, scour flea markets and garage sales for a really cute array of mismatched dessert plates and layer them on top of those white rentals. Taking something basic and gussying it up is a really easy way to stay within budget but still have something that feels very bespoke and original."

Value meal

"We don't have to serve filet and lobster for wedding dinners. Serve chicken and do it in a really fun and fanciful way. Maybe it's a Mediterranean theme with roasted chicken and vegetables. Another thing you can do is just skip the open bar entirely and have one signature cocktail."

Trend

Fun prints

"People are using a lot of prints right now. In tablescapes ikat is really really popular. Chevron is still very popular. They're doing table runners with a great pop of print, bridesmaids' dresses that have a soft floral background or piping in a different color. It's funny, two or three years ago you never would have seen a strong print incorporated into wedding design. I love it from a branding perspective because now rather than using a monogram, or two colors that are really strong, you can actually take that print and put it in the lining of your invitation envelopes and on the base of one of your cake tiers. You can really incorporate it and create a wedding brand."

Ikat is popular in tablescapes.
CARRIE PATTERSON

Details make the day

"Cute details that make something ordinary feel special are going to continue to be very strong, whether that's in presentation, favors, gift bags — those little extra touches that take a wedding from an ordinary night to something really special."
Larson

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The new CEO of satellite radio company Sirius XM Radio Inc. thinks radio is a good business, but for the future he said opportunities may lie with in-car services like automated safety.

The company is investing in telematics, another name for automated security and safety services in cars such as General Motor's OnStar brand. It signed a deal with Nissan Motor Corp. in the fall and is looking for more agreements, CEO Jim Meyer said in an interview.

Meyer laid out his plans after he was appointed full-time CEO on Tuesday. Meyer, 58, had served as interim CEO since December when he joined the company's board. He was hired in 2004 and oversaw relationships with the auto industry, which accounts for the bulk of the company's revenue.

Sirius will focus on offering entertainment and "infotainment" services such as weather and gas prices to drivers, in addition to telematics, which includes stolen vehicle tracking and roadside assistance. These services tap Sirius XM's existing satellites.

Analysts said they liked the plan because it could help diversify Sirius' revenue stream as it faces more competition in cars from streaming Internet services such as Pandora. Sirius XM shares rose 4.2 percent to $3.19 on Tuesday.

A Barclays research note estimated that the auto audio and infotainment industry, which includes telematics, takes in $15 billion a year while information controls, which includes displays in cars, is a $12 billion a year business.

"It's not going to happen in six months. This is going to take a while. We're working hard about what role we can play and what [carmakers] would like us to do," Meyer said.

The specifics of some of the services Sirius wants to offer are not yet known, but Meyer sees a long-term opportunity in the next five to 10 years. Sirius XM plans to charge monthly fees for these new features.

Sirius XM is talking with automakers about what it can do in 2017 and 2018 car models, Meyer told investors Tuesday.

Meyer said that while a lot of companies are trying to sell in-car systems, Sirius XM has an advantage as it has been working with automakers for more than a decade installing satellite radios on the assembly line. REUTERS

Sirius is looking toward the future. THINKSTOCK

The art style of "Guacamelee!" evokes Mexico's Day of the Dead. / DRINKBOX STUDIOS

IT'S SIDESCROLLING — WITH A TWIST

The first time Mario set his hefty foot atop a hapless Goomba, the 2-D sidescroller was born. With each passing generation, game designers find new and innovative ways to keep the genre alive.

Here are reviews of two brand new sidescrollers that merge the best parts of the last 30 years.

Sidescroller

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'Terraria'

Company: 505 Games
System: PS3/Xbox/PC
Grade: ●●●●●

Unless you've been hiding under an Internet-disabled rock, you have no doubt heard of indie darling "Minecraft." That game's mix of action and literal world-building has made its creator one of the richest and most influential men in gaming. "Terraria" takes the randomized, build-anything-you-want tomfoolery of "Minecraft" and makes it 2-D. Yeah. It's as good as it sounds.

"Terraria" is more a brutal, life-changing addiction than a video game (in a good way). Once you enter your randomized world, you'll be able to explore every nook and cranny. Plus, there is plenty of treasure to find and enemies to fight.

'Guacamelee!'

Company: Drinkbox Studios
System: PS3/Vita
Grade: ●●●●○

This game technically falls into a category called "Metroidvania," meaning that it owes great allegiance to both "Metroid" and "Castlevania." This means an open world to explore, with plenty of sidescrolling action. Exploration is rewarded with new moves and abilities, which in turn let you explore new areas to find even more stuff. The perfect addictive cycle!

The hook with "Guacamelee!" is the world, which is set in Mexico and loosely based on the customs surrounding the Day of the Dead. It's colorful, laugh-out-loud funny and controls well. One caveat: The platforming in this title can be brutal. You may have to channel your 9-year-old self to beat some of the more difficult parts.

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Horoscope

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You must be extremely careful not to show partiality to certain friends. If you do, you'll lose the respect of many.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't take on more tasks than you can comfortably manage. Your overall performance will greatly suffer if you're overburdened.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Though there will be situations in which you'll need to take some risks, there will also be times when you'll need to be conservative. Know the difference.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. A close friend might get hurt if you fail to return the warmth and consideration that this person has consistently shown you in the past. Be mindful of your behavior.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Self-doubt is likely to be your worst enemy, so you need to figure out how to deal with it. If you don't deal with it, you'll lose all the momentum you've gained.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Be careful, because your financial trends will be mixed. Though you may gain in some instances, you could suffer an unexpected loss.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Although you have excellent leadership qualities, you may not be using them enough. Step up to the plate when called to do so.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Because you'll tend to hear and see only what you want to, you could be cruising for a bruising. Be an attentive and conscientious listener.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Treat all your friends in your usual considerate manner, but don't let anyone walk all over you. A person who's taken advantage of you in the past may try to do so again.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. In order to achieve an important objective, you must stay focused on your target at all times. If you deviate, even briefly, you are likely to be thrown off course.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Although your judgment is likely at its soundest, unfortunately you might allow lesser heads to rule the day. Don't doubt your instincts.

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. By working in fits and starts, you severely minimize your effectiveness and productivity. It just means that you won't do enough.

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Letters

Solutions to college debt

There is another solution to "Drowning in sea of student loan debt" (Alison Bowen, April 30). Millions of Americans benefited from attending college on student loans. This has given them access to joining the middle class. Taxpayers are left with more than $1 trillion in uncollected debts. Despite being successfully employed, there are hundreds of thousands of former students with ample incomes who refuse to pay off their student loans. Deny federal and state tax refunds to those deadbeats who look for a free ride at our expense.

LARRY PENNER, VIA EMAIL

Stop-and-frisk is racist

Mr. Kevin Metz, either you are not a minority or you are delusional. Stop-and-frisk is overly racist. Numbers don't lie. Victims of this tactic don't lie. But it's fairly obvious you don't live in those "crime-ridden" areas. Not like there are criminals in the burbs or in the white areas, right?

RANDALL EPHRAIM, VIA EMAIL

Frisk wealthy white men?

Is stop-and-frisk wrong? Yes, in every way. The impact on crime is negligible, the bad will it generates is extreme, and the time, effort and money spent doing it could be used much more effectively. People who endorse stop-and-frisk to prevent crime should stick to their ideals and mandate that police stop and frisk every wealthy-looking white man they cross paths with because the last 20 years have shown us that wealthy white men are pretty much at every given second in the middle of a massive criminal fraud.

D. BROWN, VIA EMAIL

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Crossword

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14 Mongol invader
15 "– La Douce"
16 Culture medium
17 Love in a gondola
18 Stead
19 Wear the crown
20 Offhand
22 Become conscious
23 Important decades
24 Prefix for "center"
26 Insurance worker
30 Fanlight
34 Electrical problem
35 Bilks
36 "Bali –"
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4 Wine-press residue
5 Cookbook word
6 Edna St. Vincent –
7 Tunes for divas
8 Feds (hyph.)
9 White wine
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11 Water, to Pedro
12 "Columbo" star
13 Forest part
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25 Faux –
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27 Girl from Baja
28 Copier need
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31 "On the Beach" novelist
32 Cowboy flick
33 Young lady's address
35 – -de-sac
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39 Track-meet org.
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42 Recede
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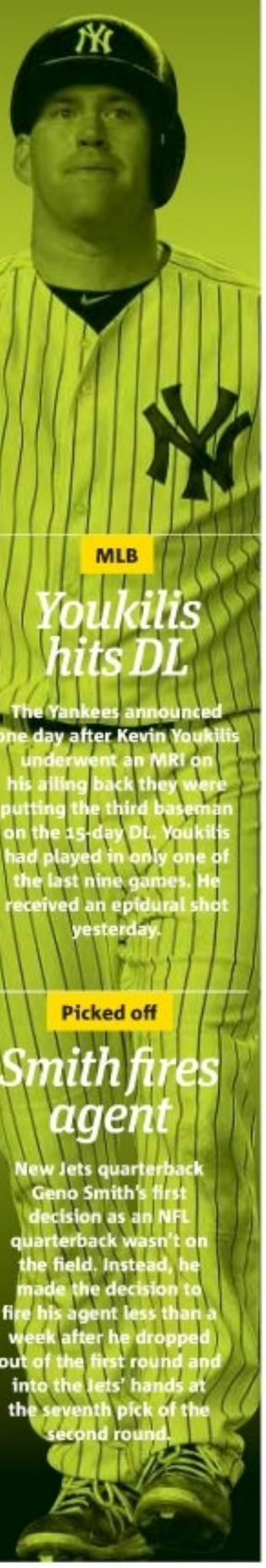


MLB

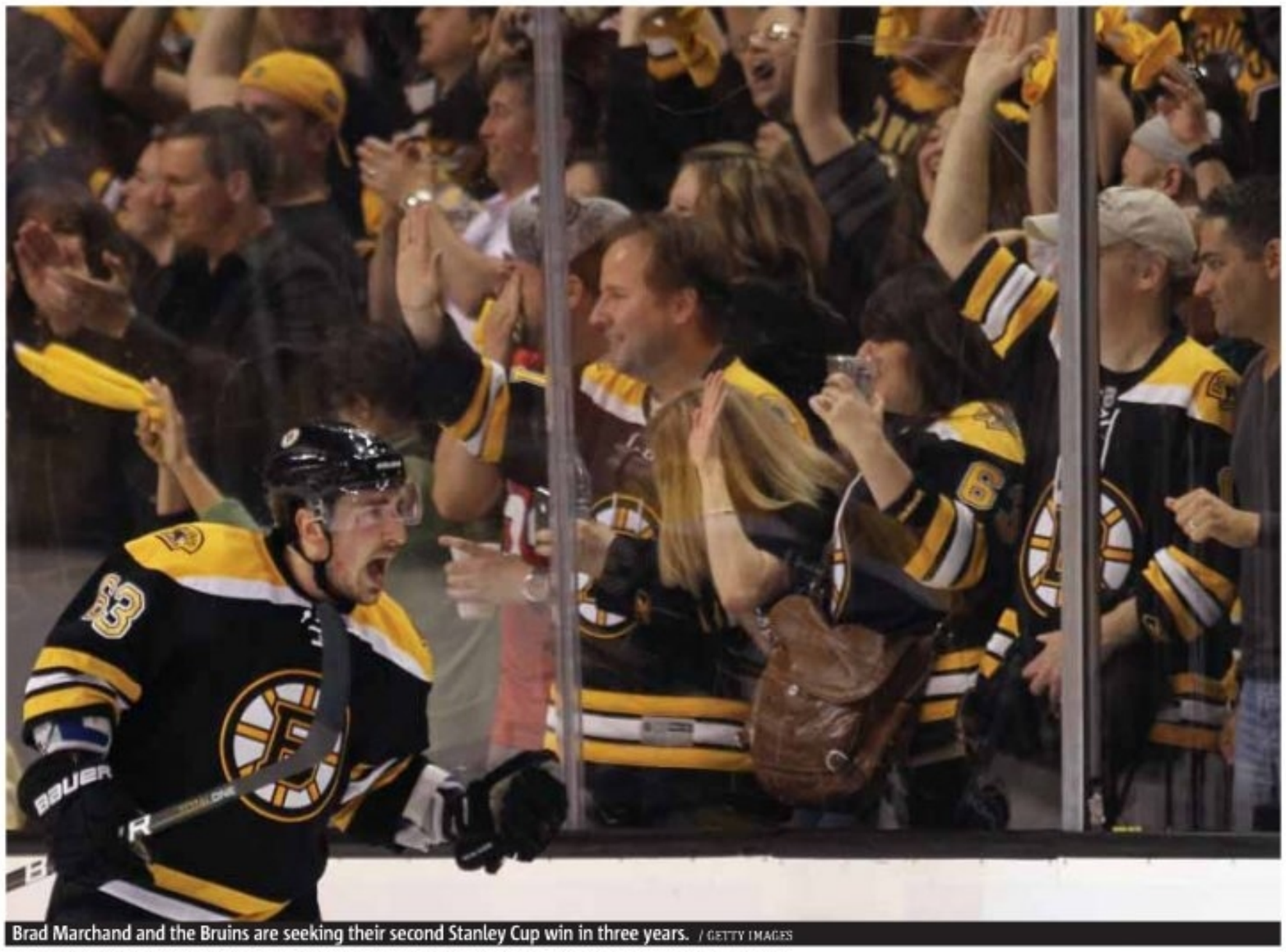
Youkilis hits DL

The Yankees announced one day after Kevin Youkilis underwent an MRI on his ailing back they were putting the third baseman on the 15-day DL. Youkilis had played in only one of the last nine games. He received an epidural shot yesterday.

Picked off

Smith fires agent

New Jets quarterback Geno Smith's first decision as an NFL quarterback wasn't on the field. Instead, he made the decision to fire his agent less than a week after he dropped out of the first round and into the Jets' hands at the seventh pick of the second round.



Brad Marchand and the Bruins are seeking their second Stanley Cup win in three years. / GETTY IMAGES

ONE-HIT WONDERS?

NHL playoffs. Two years ago, the Bruins were on top of the hockey world. But can they do it again?

If you're not sure what to expect from the Bruins-Maple Leafs series, you are not alone. The Original Six and Northeast Division rivals are meeting in the playoffs for the first time since 1974, and Toronto is making its first trip to the postseason since 2004. The only given is that with their Stanley Cup run two years ago and most of the same cast back, the B's have way more playoff experience than the Leafs. Boston was 28-14-6 in the regular season and Toronto was 26-17-5, which is why the B's got the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference and the Maple Leafs earned the No. 5 seed. For what it's worth, the Bruins went 3-1-0 against the Leafs in the regular season: a 1-0 win Feb. 2 at Toronto, 4-2 win March 7 vs. Toronto, a 3-2 loss at Toronto on March 23 and 3-2 shoot-out win vs. Toronto on March 25.

The obvious storyline focuses on Bruins right wing Phil Kessel (20 goals, 32 assists) returning to face the team that traded him for what ended up being right wing Tyler Seguin (16 goals, 16 assists) and rookie defenseman Dougie Hamilton (5 goals, 11 assists). In the bigger picture, that's what people will focus on. But the playoffs are all about the unexpected role players stepping up and making the big plays. In goal, the Bruins have a decent edge with Tuukka Rask (19-10-5, 2.00 GAA, .929 save percentage) vs. James Reimer (19-8-5, 2.46 GAA, .924 save percentage), the latter of whom will be playing his first postseason game today (7 p.m., NESN) in Game 1 of the series.

The Leafs aren't a one-man team on offense, though, with center Nazem Kadri (18 goals, 26 assists) and UNH product James van Riemsdyk (18 goals, 14 assists) also having had big seasons in 2013. The Bruins were led by Brad Marchand (18 goals, 18 assists), David Krejci (10 goals, 23 assists) and Patrice Bergeron (10 goals, 22 assists) along with Seguin. The key for the B's is that they need to find a way to put the puck in the net with more regularity. In their last nine games of the regular season, they scored a grand total of 18 goals. If their offense is that weak in the playoffs, it really won't matter what Rask and their defensemen do since that margin for error is way too thin to survive for more than a round or two.

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Under the weather

"I feel like sh—, man. I was hoping we were going to play Thursday. That's the strongest flu I ever had."

Bruins forward Jaromir Jagr, who practiced with the team in Boston yesterday, to ESPN, on the illness that caused him to miss the final two games of the regular season. Jagr said he first felt sick prior to the Bruins' game against the Flyers on April 23.

Odds to win the cup

A look at Metro's odds for which team will raise Lord Stanley's Cup in June:

- **Chicago Blackhawks (3/1)** — Chicago lost just seven games in the shortened 48 game regular season. Anything short of a Cup Finals appearance will be a major disappointment.
- **Pittsburgh Penguins (7-2)** — Sidney Crosby is ready to return as soon as the doctors clear him. When that happens is anyone's guess.
- **Boston Bruins (5/1)** — Through the first month of the season, they were close to a lock to win the East. Can they regain that magic?
- **Anaheim Ducks (6/1)** — The Ducks looked like world-beaters in March. Like the B's, they need to get hot again.
- **Montreal Canadiens (10/1)** — They were the only team more pathetic than the Bruins in the past month but they should be able to beat Ottawa in Round 1, right?

Trash talk

Why the Maple Leafs will win

As you know, it's been a while for us in Toronto, so the buzz that goes with playoff hockey in the city seems amplified this year. It's even more exciting given the fact the Bruins seem like pretty easy pickings for the Leafs right now. Talk about a team backing into the playoffs! This year is different for us, and here's why:

- **Goaltending:** James Reimer is playing with a maturity well beyond his age or experience.
- **Phil Kessel:** Can you imagine the talented ex-Bruin potting the winning goal in overtime to send Toronto into the next round? Seguin who?
- **Power of prayer:** You have your cup, Boston. Now it's time for our prayers to be answered. **METRO CANADA ASSOCIATE MANAGING EDITOR MIKE SPEERS**

Why the Bruins will win

Welcome back to the postseason, Leafs fans! It's been nine long years, and, quite frankly, we were beginning to worry that your team relocated to Arizona or Southern California at some point in the past decade.

- **"Thank-you-Kess-el!":** This chant replaced "Let's-go-Red-Sox!" as Boston's favorite long ago. The trade that sent Phil Kessel your way in 2009 was arguably the top transaction in Bruins history, as we acquired two of the most talented young players in the NHL in Tyler Seguin and Dougie Hamilton, courtesy of our best bud Brian Burke.
- **Recent history:** The Bruins beat your Leafs three of four times this year.
- **Boston doesn't lose:** Hockey is huge in Boston, but unlike you moose-lovers, we have other sports interests. Boston has won seven pro sports titles since the year 2000 (aka the 33rd year of your now nearly five-decade-old Stanley Cup drought). **METRO BOSTON SPORTS EDITOR MATT BURKE**

NY winning battle of the point guards

NBA. If the Celtics can win Game 5 tonight in New York, the pressure will be firmly placed on the Knicks.

It has taken three brutal halves of playoff basketball for most Celtics fans to come to the concrete decision that their team is in no way better without Rajon Rondo.

Even in their narrow Game 4 victory over the Knicks, Boston's offense was stagnant as their backcourt once again failed to get the offense into any sort of flow.

Avery Bradley, who is the starting "point guard" by default, has not found any rhythm in the series, as he is averaging just 6.5 points per game and an alarming 1.75 assists per game. Earlier in the season, Bradley was comfortable shooting 3-pointers from the corners of the floor, but he has attempted just eight 3s through four games and has hit on just two of them.

Conversely, Knicks point guard Raymond Felton attempted nine 3-pointers in Game 1 alone, hitting on four from deep. In the series he has taken 17 3s and has hit on six. Felton is also getting to the rim with ease, averaging 17.7 points in the series, while dishing out 5.25 assists per game.

Boston head coach Doc Rivers admits that Bradley may be overwhelmed in the series.

"It's a hard role for Avery," Rivers told ESPN. "We talk about Paul [Pierce's responsibilities], but we're asking Avery to pressure, pressure, pressure, and then try to do something that he's not [used to offensively]. Avery's a good basketball player, but we never wanted him to be in the position of facilitating offense, seeing that guys aren't set, trying to get guys in the right spots, delivering the pass on target. We're asking a lot, we understand that."

Bradley was ecstatic heading into the playoffs, having finally had a chance to redeem himself after missing the latter half of the Celtics' run to Game 7 of the East finals last year due to injury, but his play has noticeably dipped against the Knicks.

"I'm just excited, and, not only that, I feel like I owe my team from last year, not being able to play, getting injured," Bradley told ESPN prior to the series. "I'm definitely going to prepare myself [for the Knicks], make sure I'm ready, [study] the scouting report. ... I'm just excited to start the playoffs. Right now, mentally, I'm ready."

Tip for Game 5 is set for 7 p.m. tonight (CSN).

Average Avery

"We're asking Avery to pressure, pressure, pressure, and then try to do something that he's not [used to offensively]."

Celtics head coach Doc Rivers to ESPN, on the play of Avery Bradley against the Knicks

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Avery Bradley is averaging just 1.75 assists per game this series. / GETTY IMAGES

Jason Collins reaction

Members of the Celtics organization talked about Jason Collins' announcement yesterday:

- **Doc Rivers:** "He told me he was coming out and I told him, 'Great, good, let's move forward. I jokingly said, 'I wish you could've gotten me more rebounds, because that's what I care about, really, at the end of the day."
- **Paul Pierce:** "I think it's probably going to open the door to many more. There's so many athletes, there's so many human begins that live a dark life. They're scared to expose it because of the exposure of sports and what people may think about them."

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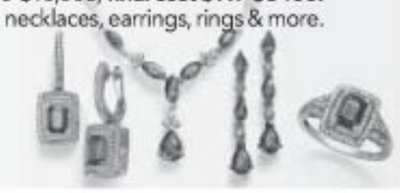

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